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In re Application of:

LOUIS A. RHODES, ET AL.

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Title: FOLD FLAT MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT

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Dear Sir:


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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